

# **The Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Declaration of Interests) Determination 2007**

The Scottish Parliament, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 13(2) of the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006, on the 25th day of January 2007 made the following Determination:

## **Citation and commencement**

1. This Determination may be cited as the Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament Act 2006 (Declaration of Interests) Determination 2007 and shall have effect from 3 April 2007.

## **Interpretation**

2. In this Determination—

“Clerk” means the Clerk of the Parliament; and

“Parliament” includes a committee, sub-committee or joint committee of the Scottish Parliament.

## **Oral declaration of interest**

3. Where a member has a declarable interest in any matter, the member must make an oral declaration of that interest before speaking in any meeting of the Parliament relating to that matter.

## **Written declaration of interest**

4. Where a member has a declarable interest in any matter and takes part in a meeting of the Parliament relating to that matter only by attending and voting at that meeting, that member must, prior to voting, have made a written declaration of that interest either by virtue of that interest being registered in the entry relating to that member in the Register of Interests of Members of the Scottish Parliament or in any other case by lodging a written declaration of that interest with the Clerk.
5. Where a member has a declarable interest in any matter, and takes part in any proceedings of the Parliament relating to that matter otherwise than as provided in paragraphs 3 and 4, the member must lodge with the Clerk a written declaration of that interest before taking part in those proceedings.
6. For the purposes of paragraph 5, taking part in proceedings of the Parliament includes any of the following—
  - a. lodging questions for oral or written answer,

- b. lodging motions or amendments to motions,
- c. introducing a Bill, or lodging a proposal for a Member's Bill,
- d. lodging amendments to Bills, or
- e. (e) adding the member's name in support of any of the proceedings referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) – (d).